

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

August 5, 2010

The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy
Assistant Secretary of the Army
for Civil Works
US Army Corps of Engineers
108 Army Pentagon
Room 3E446
Washington, D.C. 20310-0108

Dear Secretary Darcy:

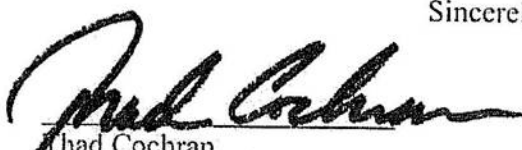
It has come to our attention that the Hinds Rankin Pearl River Flood and Drainage Control District (Levee Board) has, through a unanimous vote, decided to move forward with a "one lake" flood control plan. Provisions of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 have allowed the Levee Board to determine a locally preferred plan that will address their economic development, watershed, and flood control needs.

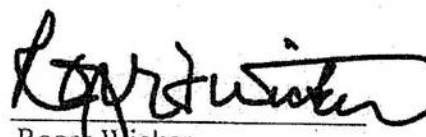
We are pleased that the Levee Board has made this decision. However, we understand that in order to finalize the pre-construction phase, the Vicksburg District of the United States Army Corps of Engineers must complete the formulation process by resuming the terminated feasibility study, with the addition of the locally preferred one lake plan, and completing said study report. Further, for completion of pre-construction activities associated with the comprehensive flood risk reduction solution for the Jackson Metropolitan area, this project will need to have an Environmental Impact Statement and a third party review of the study documents.

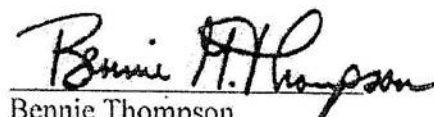
The Vicksburg District has been a good partner in determining the flood control needs of many areas of Mississippi and this particular project. We would encourage the Vicksburg District to continue this good, working partnership throughout the life of this project and to continue to provide us with updates about the status of this project.

We appreciate your consideration of this matter and hope that we will be able to continue to improve flood risk reduction benefits to the Jackson Metropolitan area and the State of Mississippi.

Sincerely,


Rhad Cochran
United States Senator


Roger Wicker
United States Senator


Bennie Thompson
United States Representative


Gregg Harper
United States Representative